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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Mark E. Wallerson	Art Unit 2626

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 1899.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,4-12 and 14-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,4-12 and 14-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: amendment filed on 3/28/05.
2. This application has been reconsidered. Claims 1, 4-12, and 14-31 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 , and 31are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kinjo (U.S. Patent 6,519,046).

With respect to claims 1, 5, 14, 15, 16, 18, 22, 24, 25, and 26, Kinjo discloses receiving, at a printing device (photofinisher), an input print media (column 5, lines 13-20); stamping, in response to a request from a user to stamp routing information on the input print media, the input media with routing information (column 6, lines 58-66; column 9, lines 26-44, and column 11, lines 13-26), wherein stamping the input media with routing information comprises printing the routing information on the input print media (column 15, lines 31-40); and printing, if no request from the user to stamp routing information on the input print media is received, other content on the input print media, wherein the other content is received from a remote device (51) (column 10, lines 58-67; column 11, lines 41-49; column 12, lines 10-67 and column 13, lines 38-49), and

generating a stamped electronic copy of the input print media and communicating it to a remote device (column 7, lines 4-22).

With respect to claims 4, 17, 19, and 30, Kinjo discloses determining a location where the routing information is to be stamped (column 15, lines 31-40).

With regard to claims 6 and 23, Kinjo discloses generating a stamped electronic copy of the input print media by obtaining an electronic copy of the input print media and adding the routing information to the electronic copy of the input print media and communicating the stamped electronic copy to a remote device (column 9, lines 15-44).

With respect to claims 7, 8, 9, 27, 28, and 29, Kinjo discloses the information comprises a tracking number (user ID number) (column 6, lines 58-66 or date (column 11, lines 50-52).

With regard to claims 20 and 21, Kinjo discloses a user-selectable stamp button (touch – pen) via which the stamp command can be input to the printer (column 10, lines 31-67), and that the stamp command is received from a remote device (51) (column 10, lines 31-42).

With respect to claim 31, the input document are papers (column 15, lines 31-40).

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002

do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

5. Claims 10, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Baum et al (Baum) (U.S. 6,583,852).

With respect to claim 10, Baum discloses a tracking module coupled to the print module that identifies, in response to a received request to stamp information on the document, the information to be stamped on the document and communicate that information to the print module (column 7, lines 29-60), and the print module outputs the information in addition to any other content already on the document (figure 4) and generating a stamped electronic copy of the document (column 25, lines 1-16).

With respect to claim 11, Baum discloses the system includes a printer or multifunctional device (column 4, line 54 to column 5, line 18)

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1, 10, 14, 18, 22, and 26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

1. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark E. Wallerson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7470. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday - 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly Williams can be reached on (571) 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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